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CULTURE
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Impact of Pollution on Monuments
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether historical monuments in the country are adversely affected due to increased pollution;

(b) if so, the details thereof monument-wise; and

(c) the steps taken to check adverse impact of pollution around historical sites in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE, CULTURE AND TOURISM
(INDEPENDENT CHARGE)

(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) to (c) At present times air pollution is emerging as a challenging problem which can have adverse effect on historical monuments also. Archaeological survey of India (ASI) is regularly monitoring pollution levels at important monuments like Taj Mahal Agra, Charminar Hyderabad and Bibi-ka-Maqbara at Aurangabad. Periodical scientific preservation work of such monuments is regularly attended to mitigate the impact of air pollution by use of appropriate conservation methods and the protected monuments are in a good state of preservation.